

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 2 and the steps of the method as recited on page 7, lines 13-24 and page 12, lines 3-5 of the specification.

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,808,766, Miyama et al. ("Miyama").

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 3-9 to recite method claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the following reasons.

In the claimed invention, an acylated compound recited in the claim is used to obtain a liquid-crystalline polyester. In the invention, the polyester is dissolved in an aprotic solvent to provide a composition thereof. In accordance with such a production method, a composition which is excellent in coloring and the like can be obtained, the polyester sufficiently dissolving in the aprotic solvent. The combination of the use of the acylated compound and ability of the resulting polyester to dissolve in the aprotic solvent is not disclosed or suggested in Miyama. Accordingly, the claimed invention is not anticipated by or is not obvious over the cited invention. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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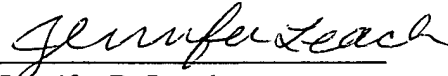
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